

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 08322 140036Z
ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 H-01 INR-07 L-03
NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06
ACDA-07 TRSE-00 NEA-10 /075 W
-----141140Z 117272 /44

R 131749Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY BONN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8265
INFO USMISSION NATO
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
SECDEF WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 08322

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, UR, GW
SUBJECT: OPPOSING FORCES TRAINING PROGRAM (OPFOR)

REF: STATE 106613 DTG 110504Z MAY 77

1. THE GERMAN ARMY HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN TRAINING DEMONSTRATIONS USING CAPTURED SOVIET EQUIPMENT. FRG SENIOR OFFICIALS OBSERVED THE TRAINING DEMONSTRATION HELD LAST YEAR. IT WAS SO SUCCESSFUL THAT BRIGADIER GENERAL HEYD, OPERATIONS CHIEF (G3) OF THE GERMAN ARMY, ASKED FOR A SECOND DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD FOR THOSE SENIOR ARMY OFFICIALS WHO HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND THE FIRST ONE. SUCH A SECOND DEMONSTRATION DID TAKE PLACE.

2. WE FORESEE NO PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING FRG APPROVAL TO THE PROPOSED OPFOR TRAINING PROGRAM. WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE AND BE READY TO ACCEPT A GERMAN ARMY REQUEST THAT IT BE ALLOWED TO OBSERVE THE PROGRAM. AT THE SAME TIME, WE COMPLETELY AGREE THAT THE ARMY SHOULD NOT INITIATE PRESS REMARKS ABOUT THE OPFOR PROGRAM, SHOULD NOT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 08322 140036Z

PUBLICIZE IT BEYOND WHAT IS NEEDED LOCALLY ON AN IF ASKED BASIS, AND THAT ALL EASILY VISIBLE SOVIET MARKINGS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE EQUIPMENT (PARA 7 REFTEL).

3. ONCE THE U.S. HAS DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH THE PROGRAM, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE EMBASSY BE INSTRUCTED TO

APPROACH THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AT THE WORKING
LEVEL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FRG APPROVAL.
STOESSEL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY TRAINING, ARMED FORCES, MILITARY EQUIPMENT, MILITARY EXERCISES, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 13-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BONN08322
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770170-1122
Format: TEL
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770563/aaaaccci.tel
Line Count: 65
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: a6833895-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION PM
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 106613
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2542659
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OPPOSING FORCES TRAINING PROGRAM (OPFOR)
TAGS: MILI, UR, GE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/a6833895-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009